

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 5 to line 13, as follows:

The present invention relates to an exposure control apparatus and method thereof for determining a value of the exposure ("exposure value") based on the luminance of the screen ("photographic screen") so as to perform exposure control based on the determined exposure value~~and~~. More particularly, this invention relates to an exposure control apparatus and method thereof capable of performing proper exposure control even when the luminance of a main subject is high.